

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-9, 11-14 & 16-19 as follows:

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1. (Currently amended) A method for electronically publishing an organization's-a buyer's requirements in an electronic publication that provides vendors with information needed to do business with the organization-the buyer and that can create individual lines of communication between the organization-the buyer and the vendors, wherein the method reduces an amount of paperwork and time required for the organization-the buyer to conduct business transactions with the vendors over traditional methods, the present method comprising the steps of:

categorizing the organization's-the buyer's requirements into categories that are easily recognizable to the vendors, wherein each category includes one or more items required by the organization-the buyer, and further wherein an item is a product or service required by the organization-the buyer;

electronically publishing the organization's-the buyer's requirements, wherein each item within the categories includes a name, a description, a contact person and one or more relevant dates, wherein a name of the contact person is presented as a hyperlink to an e-mail account of the contact person;

posting all forms and information necessary for the vendors to conduct business with the organization-the buyer, including requests for information, quotes and proposals, in a format that allows editing of the forms by the vendors and submission of an edited form to the organization-the buyer electronically; and,

creating a registration section that allows the vendors to register with the organization-the buyer, wherein after registration the vendors can receive electronic notifications concerning any item specified by the vendors during registration; wherein the organization's-the buyer's requirements, the forms and information necessary to conduct business with the organization-the buyer, and the registration section are included in the electronic publication.